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SUBJECT: GUYANA PLAYS UP OLYMPIC BOYCOTT

1. THE GOG'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW ITS 16-MAN OLYMPIC TEAM FROM MONTREAL GAMES HAS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE, CONSISTING MAINLY OF WIRE SERVICE RELEASES, IN THE GOG-CONTROLLED PRESS. NEARLY THE ENTIRE FIRST PAGE OF THE JULY 18 AND 19 EDITIONS OF THE CHRONICLE WAS DEVOTED TO THE DECISION, MADE IN SYMPATHY WITH AFRICAN NATIONS PROTESTING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S REFUSAL TO BAN NEW ZEALAND FROM THE GAMES BECAUSE OF ITS LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THE GOVT-RUN GUYANA BROADCASTING SERVICE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NO LONGER CARRY RADIO REPORTS OF THE GAMES SINCE (THERE IS NO LONGER ANY LOCAL INTEREST IN THE OLYMPICS.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE HEAD OF THE GUYANESE TEAM CLAIMED THAT TEAM OFFICIALS DECIDED THE ISSUE, WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS WAS A GOG DECISION, SPECIFICALLY BY PM BURNHAM. THE ACTION IS NOT SURPRISING IN VIEW OF GUYANA'S PAST SUPPORT OF SUCH BOYCOTTS, INCLUDING THE BANNING FROM GUYANA OF ALL ATHLETES WHO HAVE PLAYED IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND ITS CONSISTENT ADHERENCE TO ANY POLICY SET BY THE OAU.

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